

In the Claims:

- 1.(original) Granulated composition comprising particles containing a mixture of an effervescent material and an acid substance in a matrix of a non-aqueous binder material, the binder material having a melting point in excess of 40 degrees centigrade.
- 2.(original) Granulated composition according to claim 1 wherein the non-aqueous binder comprises a polyethylene glycol.
- 3.(original) Granulated composition according to claim 2 wherein the polyethylene glycol is selected from PEG 1500 to PEG 12000.
- 4.(presently amended) Granulated composition according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~ wherein the binder is present at levels of up to 10%(wt) of the composition.
- 5.(presently amended) Granulated composition according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~ wherein the effervescent component is selected of the group of sodium bicarbonate, sodium sesquicarbonate, potassium bicarbonate and potassium carbonate.
- 6.(presently amended) Granulated composition according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~ wherein the acidic substance is selected of the group of citric acid, oxalic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, adipic acid, sulphamic acid, and the corresponding salt of said acid.
- 7.(original) Granulated composition according to claim 6, wherein the acidic substance is a combination of citric acid and sulphamic acid.
- 8.(original) Granulated composition according to claim 7, wherein the ratio of citric acid to sulphamic acid is between 5:1 and 1:5, more preferably between 3:1 and 1:3, most preferably between 1:1.

- 9.(presently amended) Granulated composition according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~ comprising 10 to 90% by weight of the effervescent component.
- 10.(presently amended) Granulated composition according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~ comprising 5 to 70% by weight of an acidic substance.
- 11.(presently amended) Granulated composition according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~ additionally comprising a detergent.
- 12.(original) Granulated composition according to claim 11 comprising 0.1 to 30% by weight of a detergent.
- 13.(presently amended) Granulated composition according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~ additionally comprising at least one of the following: a fragrance, ~~and/or~~ a drying agent, and ~~and/or~~ an abrasive substance.
- 14.(presently amended) Granulated composition according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~ having a particle size of 0.1 to 5mm, ~~preferably 0.5 to 3mm.~~
- 15.(presently amended) Household products comprising a granulated composition according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims.~~
- 16.(presently amended) Industrial products comprising a granulated composition according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims.~~
- 17.(original) A method for producing a granulated composition comprising the steps of mixing a composition comprising an effervescent component, acid substance, detergent and other optional ingredients and thereafter fluidising the mixture on a fluidised bed with a binder material.